IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Jose De La Torre-Bueno

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AUTOMATED MEASUREMENT OF CONCENTRATION AND/OR AMOUNT IN A BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), an extension of time of two (2) months (from January 12, 2008 to March 12, 2008) within which to respond to the Office Action dated October 12, 2008 is requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 16-0631 the extension fees and any underpayments, overpayments or additionally required fees.

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